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IN THE VISITATION OF
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFULL
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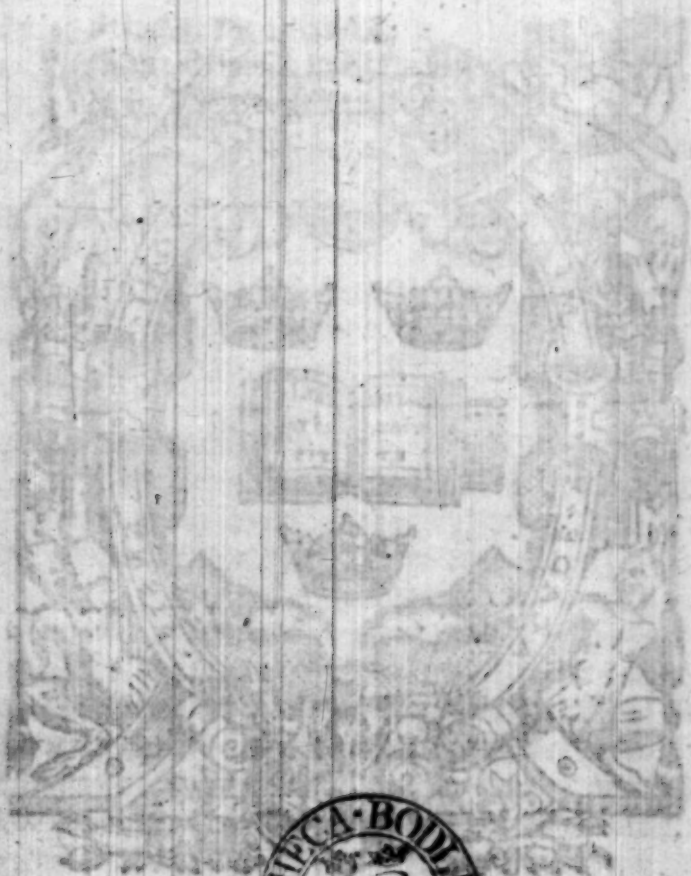
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THE CHVRCH OR PLACE of common praier.



IN primis whether your Chācel, & Church,
or Chappell be sufficiently repaired, aswel
in stee, tymber, lead, tile, glasse, as al other
necessarie things, & if they be not, throught
whose default the same is omitted?

2 Whether your Church-yard be suf-
ficiently fenced and decently kept, and the
trees thereing growing, not spoiled, if not
in whose default?

3 Whether the wals of your Church, be within whited, &
beantified with fruitfull sentences out of the holie Scriptures, &
paued comelie in the bodie of the Church and Chācell, and conue-
nient seates placed in the Church and Chācell, for the necessary vse
of the parishioners in time of diuine service?

4 Whether you haue in your parish Church and Chappell, all
thinges necessary for the setting forth of common praier, and the ad-
ministration of sacramentes: namely the booke of common praier,
two Psalters in prose and meeter, the English Bible in the largest
volume, the two tomes of homilies, the paraphrases of Erasmus in
English, the table of the tenne cōmandements: a convenient pulpit
well placed, a decent table standing on a frame, for the holie cōmu-
nion, with a faire linnen cloth to laie vpon the same, and some cove-
ring of silke buckerome, or other such like, for the cleane keeping
thereof, a comely communion cup of silver, with a cover of silver for
the same, a decent surples with large sleeves, a register booke, of
Chrishnings, weddings, and burials. A font fastned in some cōveni-
ent place of the Church sweete and decently kept, A sure coffer with
two lockes and keies for the keeping of the said Register booke, and
a strong chest or box, with two lockes and keies to put in the almes,
and other thinges belonging to the p̄misses:

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5 Whether your Church and Chancel be kept cleane & decentlie at all times, and especially against time of divine service, by such as are especiallie appointed for that purpose: and whether is your Chancell well paved or no?

The service vsed in the Church.

6 Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or the Parson, Vicar, Curate, or anie other of, or in, any other Parish, neere about the same, within the Archdeaconrie of Nottingham, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard by common reporte, vppon Sundaes or Holie-daies, vse to saie the Morning and Eveninge Prayer, and the Letanie, in such manner and forme, and vnder such wordes as are set forth and prescribed, in, and by the booke of common praier? If not, then what other forme or manner hath or doth he or they vse?

7 Whether your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or anie other within your parish, or els where, neare about the same, within the Archdeaconrie of Nottingham to your knowledge or as you haue heard by common report, hath preached, declared, vttered, or spoken anie thing against the said booke of common praier, or anie thing therein contained, or against any doctrine, office or calling ecclesiasticall within this realme, established by publique authoritie or against the ordination or election of Archbishops, Ministers, Deacons or anie of them, and what was the thing, or fault found vttered declared or preached and by whome?

8 Whether hath your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or anie other within your Parish or els where neare abouts the same within the Archdeaconrie of Nottingham to your knowledge or as you haue heard by common report, preached, declared or vttered in worde or writing, anie thing in maintaining, commendung or perswading of anie doctrine or discipline, or anie other forme of common prayer election or ordination of anie other offices, officers, Deacons, pastors, elders, presbiteries or ecclesiasticall censures, then are by the lawes of this realme established, or whether haue you heard of anie that

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that vseth to dissuade anie parson from the religion now professed, or to perswade them to the Romish Religion?

9 Whether haue you aswell vpon Sundaies, and Holi-daies, as vpon Wednesdaies, Fridaies, and Saterdaies, service in your Church and Chappell, according to the order, appointed by lawfull authoritie, and whether doth your Minister in time of diuine service and at the ministration of the sacramentes alwaies vse and weare the surplesse and reade the service plainely and distinctly, that the people may bee edified thereby, and bidde such Holidaes and fastingdaies, as are appointed by the booke of common praier?

10 Whether haue you sermons, preached by able and sufficient men, lawfullie licenced therevnto, at times convenient, and namely euerie quarter once at the least, according to her Maiesties iniunctions?

11 Whether your parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe every Sunday when there is no sermon read plainly some part of the Homilies prescribed to be read? Or whether any of them not being founde to haue sufficient ability to preach, or not lawefully admitted thereunto, doe take vpon them to expound anie part of the scripture, and thereby omitte the reading of Homilies?

12 Whether your children and seruantes, that be aboue seven yeares & vnder twenty, be Catechised vpon Sundaies, & Holidaes by the space of one hower, before euening praier by order of householdes, at the appointment of the minister: and whether the saide minister doe giue notice thereof plainly the next Sundae or holi-daie before in the Church that euerie one may knowe the time that he is to resort thither to be catechised? and if this be not done who they be that make default therein?

13 Whether any doe presume to saie service in your Church or chappell openly, who is not a lawfull Minister and sufficient-ly licenced by the ordinarie of this Archdeaconrie, vnder the seale of his office?

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The ministring of the sacraments and other rights and Ceremonies vled in the Church.

14 Whether doth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or any other within your parish, or else where neare aboute the same within the Archdeaconrie of Nottingham, to your knowledge, or as you haue heard by common report, vse the ministracion of the Lordes Supper, and Baptisme, instruction of childzen, solemnization of matrimony, the visitation of the sicke, the burfall of the dead, and the churching of women, in such manner and forme and vnder and with such manner of wordes, as are set forth and prescribed in the booke of comon praier. If not then what other forme or manner doth he or they vse in the premisses, or any of the? And doe not they vse the ring in marriage, and crossing the childes head in Baptisme?

Comuniõ 15 Whether the communion bee administred monthly, where the parishes be great, or else so often euerie year as that the parishioners may receiue thre times at the least yearly?

Private Baptisme. 16 Whether your childzen Baptised at home in cases of extreame weaknesse and danger, be brought to Church after their recovery, that the minister may examine whether they bee lawfully Baptised or no?

Matrimonie.

Marriage. 17 Whether anie haue beene married within your parish that haue not had their banes asked thre seuerall Suidates or Holidates in time of diuine service in the presence of the people, vlesse the same haue beene lawfully licensed by the Ordinarie, vnder the seale of his office, and with such bandes as are vsually taken in like cases?

18 Whether anie haue beene married within your parish, that haue dwelt in other parishes, without a certificat of the banes asking fro the Minister, or Curate of the parishes, where the said parties or anye of them haue dwelt. And whether any marriage haue bin solemnized

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nized in any other place, then in the Church, or at any time of the day that is not lawfully vsuall or in the night?

Visiting of the sicke.

19 Whether your Minister hath bene diligent in visiting the sicke persons of your parish, and comforting them with godly and wholesome sentenues out of the sacred scriptures, and in perswading them to dispose of their goods, by making their testament, and to bestow some part of their goods to good and godly vles?

The office, function, and behaviour of Ministers.

20 Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe labour diligently and painefullie according to his ability, as well by doctrine, as by good example of life to set forth true Religion, to beate downe superstition and Idolatry, and all other vice to exhort the people to v-nity and brotherly loue, and to dutiful obedience to their Prince, and to such as be in authority vnder her, and to the diligent hearing, reading, and teaching, of Gods word.

21 Whether there be within your parish, or else where neare about, any preaching, reading, or other such like exercise, in any priuat houses wherevnto others not resort, not being of the same family? And whether any doe preach, reade, or Catechise, in the Church, or else where, that doth not at diuerse times yearelye saue service, and minister the sacraments according to order appointed by publike authoritie?

Private
exercises
of religi-
on.

22 Whether the Register of all weddings, Buryinges, and Christenings within your parish be wel kept, and a copy of the same once every yeare by Indenture presented to the Ordinarie?

Register.

23 Whether in the weeke befoze whitsonside, commonly called Rogation weeke, your perambulation bee kept by your Minister with a sufficient number of the parishioners of all sortes as well of the Elder, as younger sort, for the better knowledge of the circuits, and boundes of the parish, with prayers for better increase

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of the fruites of the earth, according to the order in that behalfe provided:

24 Whether the Mansion houses of your Parsons and Vicars be kept in good Reparation?

25 Whether your Minister bee suspected to bee guiltie of any notorious crime, as Symonie, adultery, blasphemy, perurie, drunkennesse, idlenes, vnseemely and vaine talke, and whether hee bee scandalous, in his conuersation, through brawling, fighting, quarrelling, peace-breaking, unlawfull gaines, or haunting of places suspected, and not of good report:

26 Whether your Parson, or Vicar, hath at any time since the thirteenth yeare of the Queenes Maiesties Raigne, made any lease or grant of his personage or Vicaridge, or any part thereof hee being absent and not Resident vpon the same, to anie other then to his Curat, that did or doth serue the cure in his absence. And whether your Parson, or Vicar, if hee bee not resident with you, and may dispend twenty pounds yearly or aboue, doe not distribute euery yeare among the poore of your parish at the least the fourth part of the benefice where he is not resident?

Schooles and Schoole-maisters.

27 Whether your Schoole-masters, and other teachers within your Parish, bee allowed by the Ordinary? And whether they doe teach their Scholers the Catechisme, and doe encourage them to loue true Religion, and doe cause them daily, Morning and Evening, to ioine together in prayer vnto God, for increase of Learning and of other his good graces: and whether they doe instruct them to say grace befoze and after meate:

Church-wardens accompt.

28 Whether the Church-wardens yearely doe make their accompts to their Parish, of all their receits and necessarie expenses of the said Parish, if not, who haue not accompted?

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29 Whether they doe leaue for not comming to Church, to heare diuine service vpon Sundaires and Holydaies, xii. d. for every person that is absent without lawfull cause?

30 Whether they doe faithfully distribute the storke of the poore mans Box, and are carefull to call for, and to gather al such money, as is due vnto the Church, or to the poore of the Parish, either by Legacie, or by such as are buried in the Church, or by other meanes?

The Parishioners.

31 Whether the people aswell men as women doe resorte vnto their owne parish Church or Chappell one Sundaires, and Holydaies at time of diuine service, and remaine and abide, and there behaue themselves reverently during all the whole time of service and sermons?

32 Whether any of the said parishioners doe vse any prophane worke or labour, or selling of victuals or wares vpon the Sabbath daye, or any other daye, that is appointed to bee kept holy by publicke authority?

33 Whether all the Parishioners being of lawfull yeares, haue receiued the holy Communion thise for the yeare last past, & namely at Easter last.

34 Whether any person within your Parish, bee suspected or knowen to tell destinies, or to restore things lost, and to vse charms, or to exercise witchcraft, sorceries, soothsayings, and such other superstitious and diuelish illusions?

35 Whether any within your Parish, haue to your knowledge or by common fame or repoyte, committed adultery, Fornication, Incest, or bee common Drunkardes, Swearers, and Blasphemers of Gods holy name, or vsurers, or bee commonly suspected thereof and what are their names?

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36 Whether any within your Parish doe keepe company together as Man and Wife, who be not lawfully married, or who haue beene lawfully and vpon iust cause divorced?

37 Whether there be within your Parish, Baudes, or that doe receiue into their houses weomen begotten with Childe unlawfully, and doe keepe them vntill they bee delivered, and then let them depart befoze they haue done penance?

38 Whether you know any within your Parish, that receiue into their house any Halling Priest, Jesuit, or other Seminary man come from beyond seas?

39 Whether there be any within your parish, that presume to administer the goodes of those that be departed out of this world, without lawfull authoritie, or haue falsified or suppressed the will of anie Person deceased, without sufficient authoritie from the Ordinarie, vnder the seale of his office?

40 Whether any Lords of Disrule, or other disguised persons in maie-games, and such like disordred pastimes, haue daunced, or vnseemely entered into your Church, or Church-yard? Or whether there hath bin any common feasting kept in your Church or Church-parde, or any plaies or enterludes there had?

41 Whether any excommunicate person be suffered to come in to the publike assembly or congregation in time of diuine service?

42 Whether any of your parishioners doe detaine in their hands any of their Church Goods, and who they bee that doe detaine or withholde the same?

43 Finally, if you doe knowe any other crime or offence to bee committed within your parish, which is punishable by the ecclesiasticall lawes of this lande, and not mentioned particularly in these Articles aboue specified, you shall likewise detect it and truly present it.

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The oath of the Church-wardens and side-men.

YOU shall faithfullie administer all such Church-
goods as are, or shall come to your hands to the vse
of your Church, and thereof make a true and faith-
full account at the end of your office, delivering all that
remaineth thereupon to your next successors. Also you
shall diligently enquire of, and faithfully present all such
persons as you shall either vpon your owne knowledge, or
by publike fame vnderstand to be guilty of any offence or
fault mentioned in any of the Articles afore-said, or any
other fault which is to be punished by the lawes ecclesia-
sticall of this realme, wherein you shall not present any
person for malice, hatred, or evill will, nor spare any for
favour, for feare, or any corrupt affection, but you shall
faithfully discharge your consciences, as men having the
feare of God before your eies, and seeking the reformati-
on of his Church, so God helpe you in Christ our Savi-
our.

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